

Survey Questions - Post-Focus Group Session Survey

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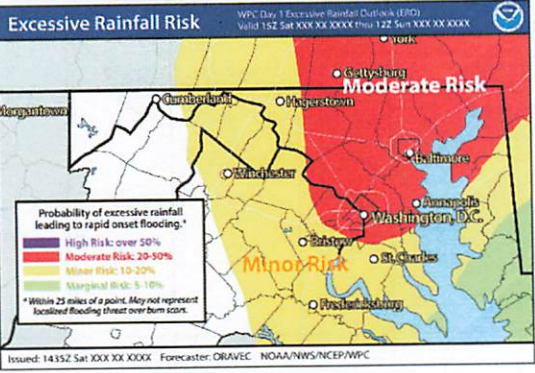
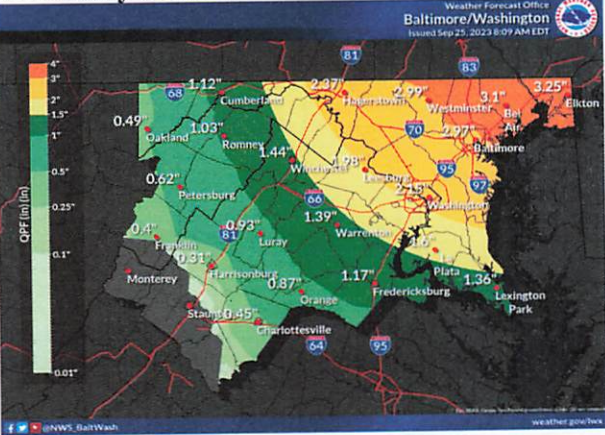
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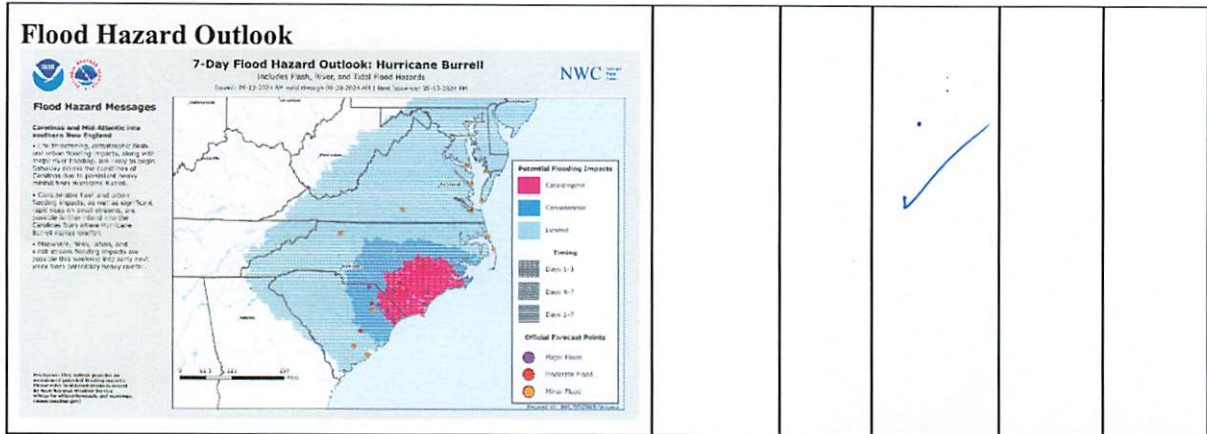
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7. What changes might you recommend for any of the products shown?

~~None~~
 more specific

8. Which media would you use to find NWS information about the risk of flooding near you? Please circle all that apply:

Facebook Twitter Internet Other: TV

9. Which digital platform are you most likely to use to access NWS resources? Circle one.

Smartphone Tablet Laptop Desktop Other: _____

10. Was anything in the session confusing? Yes No

If Yes, please explain: Some of graphics

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none

12. Additional comments:

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How to get resources

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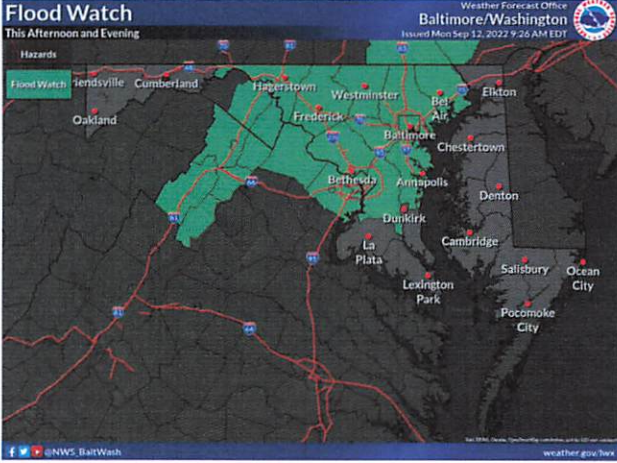

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Not useful

					<p>✓</p>
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7. What changes might you recommend for any of the products shown?

It's too much information to try to read into all of it.

8. Which media would you use to find NWS information about the risk of flooding near you? Please circle all that apply:

Facebook

Twitter

Internet

Other: text alerts

9. Which digital platform are you most likely to use to access NWS resources? Circle one.

Smartphone

Tablet

Laptop

Desktop

Other: _____

10. Was anything in the session confusing? Yes No

If Yes, please explain: _____

11. What improvements could be made in the format or content of this session?

It was great!

12. Additional comments:

We had a great time, learned a lot

Thank you for participating!

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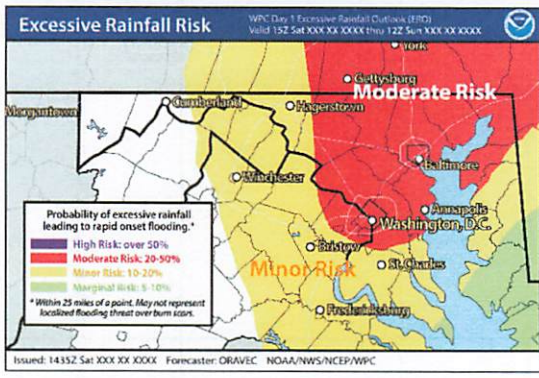

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I am a visual person.

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Thank you for having me. Useful Info.

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If serious rain, light may go out.

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zone in on zip codes
as weather happens

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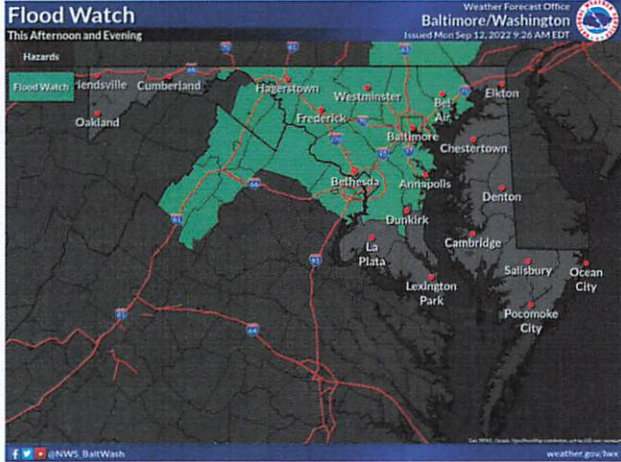

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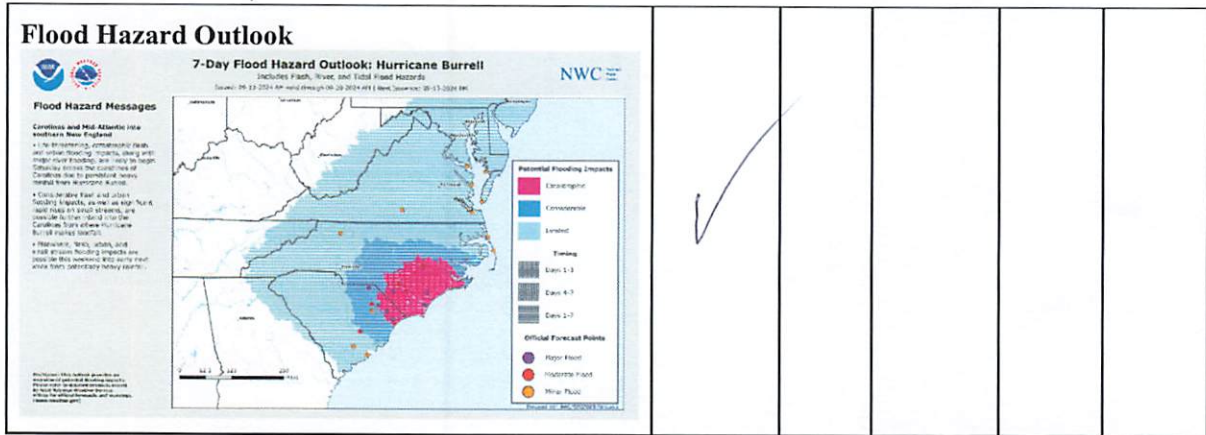
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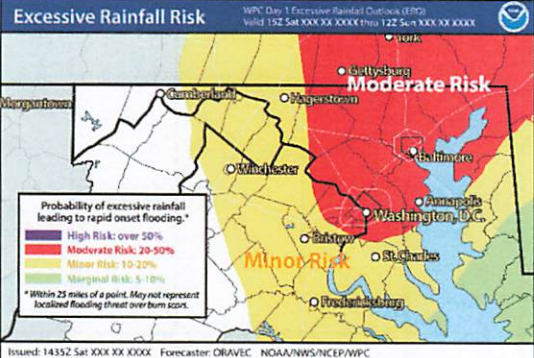

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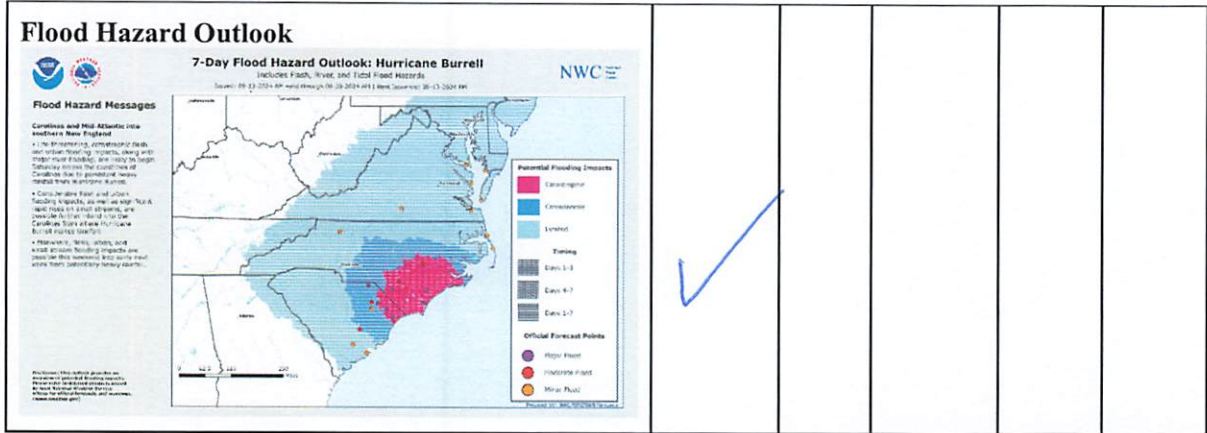
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<p>Flood Watch</p>  <p>Flood Watch This Afternoon and Evening Baltimore/Washington Issued Mon Sep 12, 2022 9:26 AM EDT</p>			✓		
<p>Flood infographics</p>  <p>Flash Flood EMERGENCY ISSUED FOR... <i>Exceedingly rare situations when a severe threat to human life and catastrophic damage from a flash flood is happening or will happen soon.</i></p> <p>Flash Flood WARNING ISSUED WHEN... <i>Dangerous flash flooding is happening or will happen soon. Some roads will be flooded. Homes and businesses may flood.</i></p>		✓			
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7. What changes might you recommend for any of the products shown?

pin point areas for categories ex: Yale Heights, Catonsville, woodlawn

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Facebook

Twitter

Internet

Other: *state of Md. work website*

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Smartphone

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Desktop

Other: _____

10. Was anything in the session confusing? Yes No

If Yes, please explain: _____

11. What improvements could be made in the format or content of this session?

Having resources in this area that can be used in case of flooding or extreme weather conditions

12. Additional comments:

very interesting

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Explanation of words, pictures etc

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*Information being made all over
 (text) for families that don't understand
 word of mouth, some people only get
 information*

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Use NWS products and information in your decision-making	✓				

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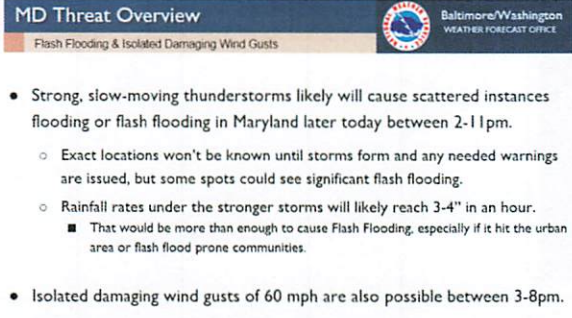
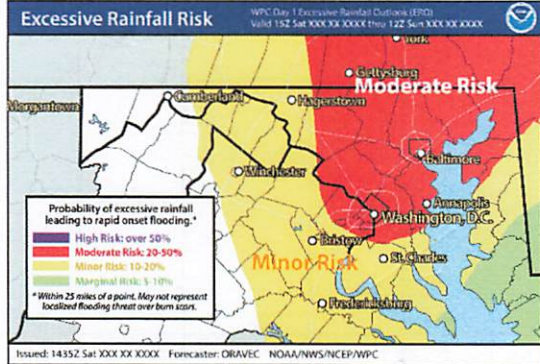
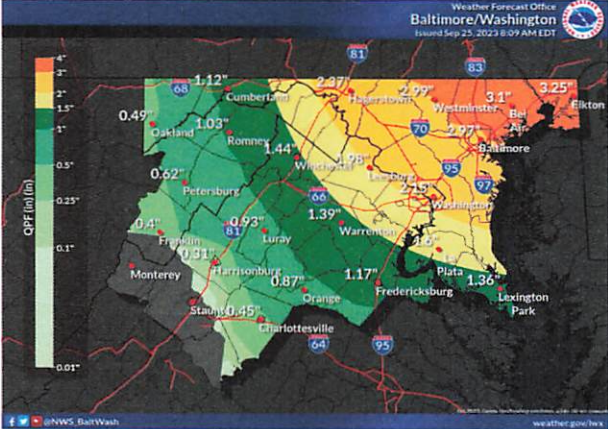
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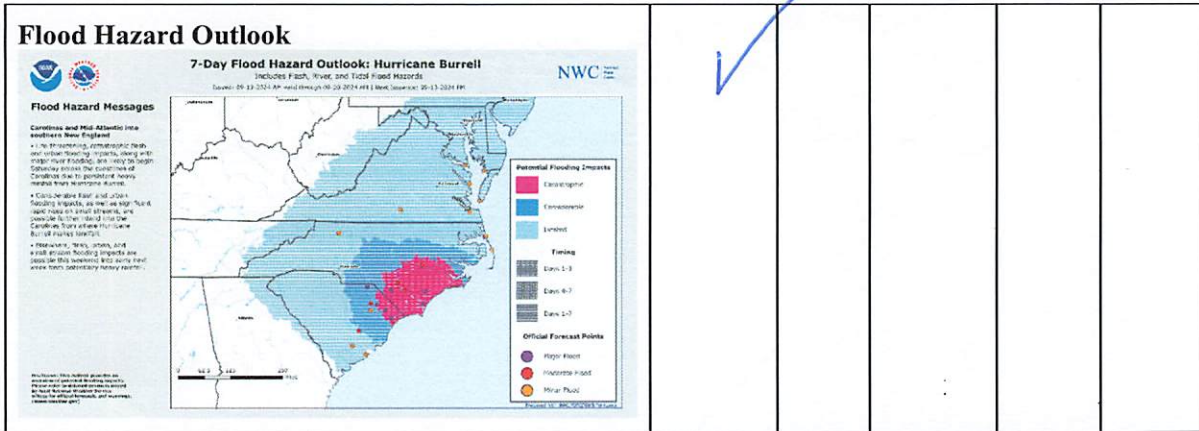
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easier for me to understand

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Wording (Colors) explanation

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Facebook

Twitter

Internet

Other: News (T.V)

9. Which digital platform are you most likely to use to access NWS resources? Circle one.

Smartphone

Tablet

Laptop

Desktop

Other: TV

10. Was anything in the session confusing? Yes No

If Yes, please explain: Because things was explained

11. What improvements could be made in the format or content of this session?

make easier to understand since I'm not used to seeing them

12. Additional comments:

Great session. I would love to

learn more

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too much information, terms used but not understood, colorblind, Blind, deaf, ~~kidney~~

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ability to get information from same/multiple places
with definitions or use more common/simple terms for
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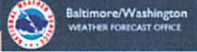
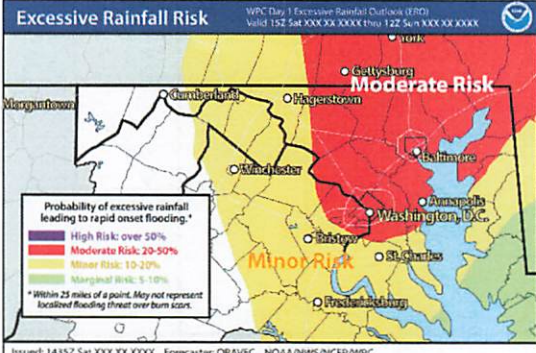
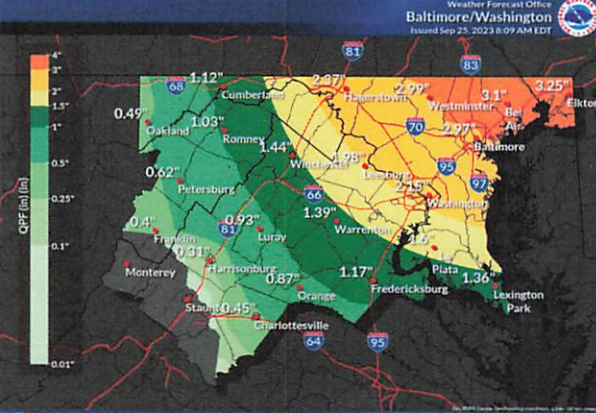
Graphics



Combined text and graphics

Please explain.

text explains visual - more defined and understandable

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color consistency, terms consistency, simple explanations

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good session

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Understanding the information
given

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the population's most impacted giving them access to the products

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Text

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Combined text and graphics

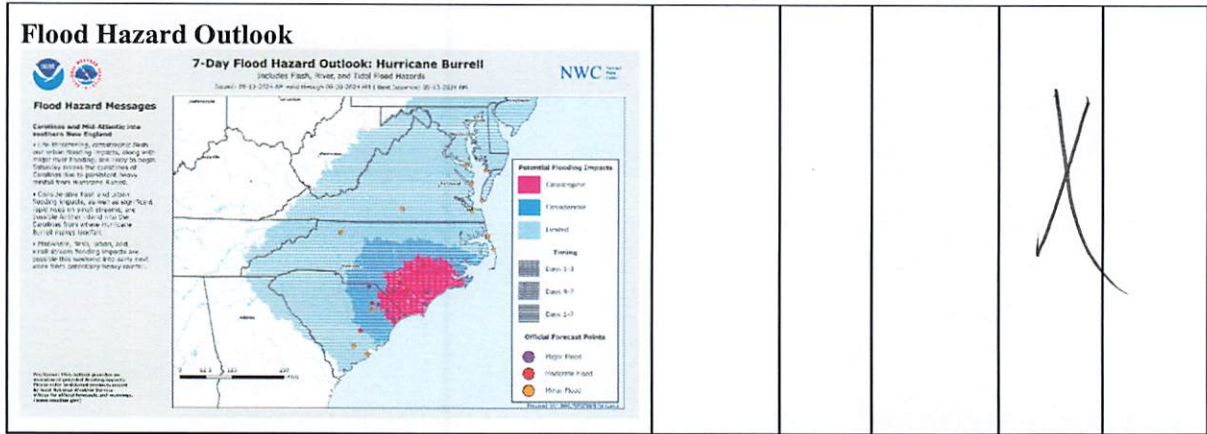
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I am visual I have to see if the words match the pictures or graphics

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make the information simple,
 easy to process.

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If Yes, please explain: Some of the graphics, words.

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nothing excellent session

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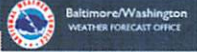
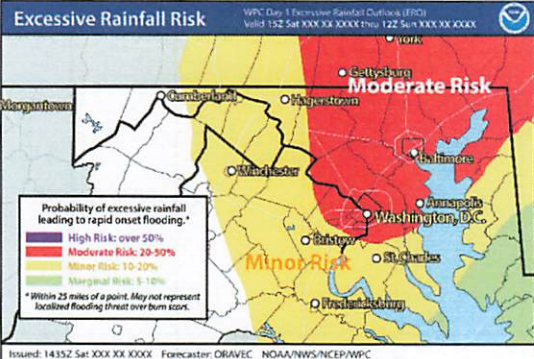
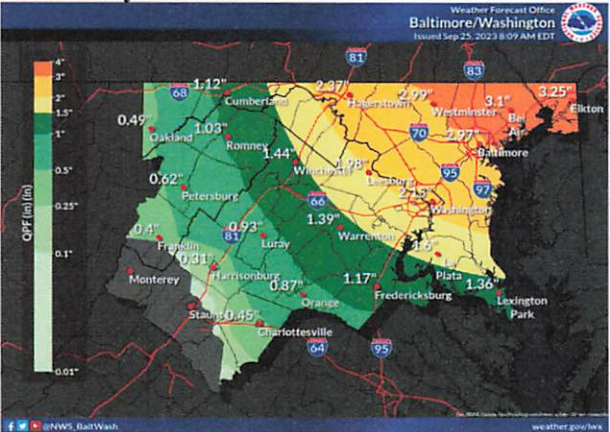
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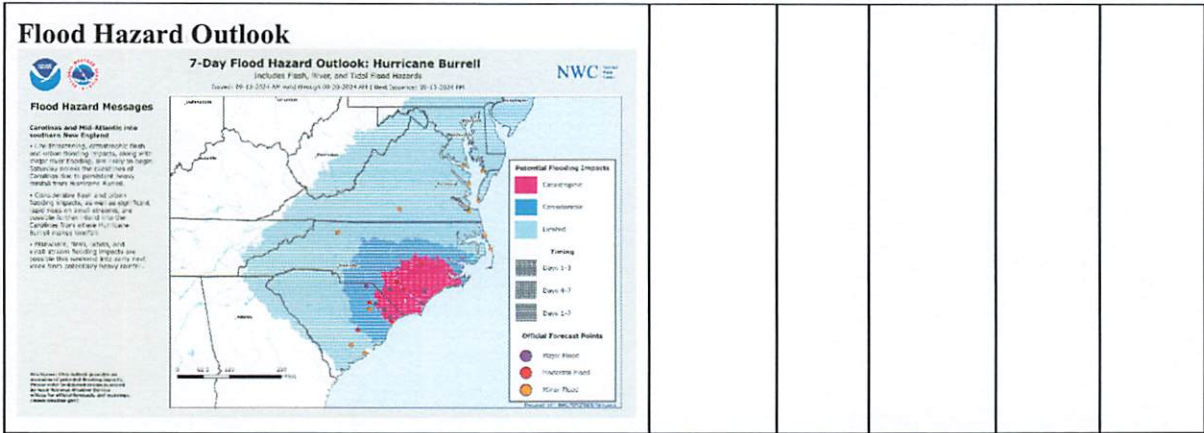
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<p>Flood Watch</p> 		✓			
<p>Flood infographics</p> 		✓			
<p>Threat Summary</p> <p>MD Threat Summary</p> <p>Flash Flooding & Isolated Damaging Wind Gusts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong, slow-moving thunderstorms likely will cause scattered instances flooding or flash flooding in Maryland later today between 2-11 pm. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Exact locations won't be known until storms form and any needed warnings are issued, but some spots could see significant flash flooding. ○ Rainfall rates under the stronger storms will likely reach 3-4" in an hour. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ That would be more than enough to cause Flash Flooding, especially if it hit the urban area or flash flood prone communities. • Isolated damaging wind gusts of 60 mph are also possible between 3-8pm. • Monitor NWS Watches & Warnings. Be ready to seek higher ground quickly, especially if you are in a flood prone area. <p>8/12/2022 10:15 AM www.weather.gov</p>		✓			



7. What changes might you recommend for any of the products shown?

8. Which media would you use to find NWS information about the risk of flooding near you? Please circle all that apply:

Facebook Twitter Internet Other: _____

9. Which digital platform are you most likely to use to access NWS resources? Circle one.

Smartphone Tablet Laptop Desktop Other: _____

10. Was anything in the session confusing? Yes No

If Yes, please explain: _____

11. What improvements could be made in the format or content of this session?

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12. Additional comments:

Thank you for participating!